

STOCK EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS

The Rapid City Area School District may acquire and maintain a stock of epinephrine auto-injectors pursuant to a prescription by an authorized health care provider for use in an emergency situation of a severe allergic reaction causing anaphylaxis.

All epinephrine auto-injectors must be stored in a secure, accessible location and managed by the school nurse or school personnel trained in administration of epinephrine auto-injectors and/or administration of medications.

Any school nurse or other designated school personnel may:

- A. Administer an epinephrine auto-injector to any student/individual while on school property, or at a school related event or activity if the school nurse or designated school personnel believe that the student/individual is experiencing anaphylaxis in accordance with a standing order from an authorized health care provider, regardless of whether or not the student has a prescription for an epinephrine auto-injector or has been diagnosed with an allergy.
- B. Prior to administering an epinephrine auto-injector made available by the school, each designated school personnel shall be trained by a licensed health care professional:
 - 1. To recognize the symptoms of a severe allergy or anaphylactic reaction,
 - 2. To know the procedure for the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector,
 - 3. To know the emergency care and aftercare for a student who has an allergic or anaphylactic reaction, and
 - 4. To know the procedure for storage of an epinephrine auto-injector.
 - 5. Review epinephrine auto-injectors for expiration date.

Pursuant to state law, no administrator, school nurse, designated school personnel, district or school board that makes available or possesses epinephrine auto-injectors may be held liable for any injury or related damage that results from the administration of, self-administration of, or failure to administer an epinephrine auto-injector that may constitute ordinary negligence. However, the immunity does not apply to an act or omission constituting gross, willful or wanton negligence.

The district, through student handbooks or other means as identified by the Superintendent, shall notify parents or guardians of each student about the policy.

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Legal References:
ARSD 20:48:04.01:09
SDCL 13-33A – School health services